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PATENT APPLICATION

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Docket No. 29827/37298

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PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53

Box Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): Michael A. Mitchell, Thomas W. Beihoffer, and Mark Anderson

Title: MULTICOMPONENT SUPERABSORBENT GEL PARTICLES

1. Type of Application

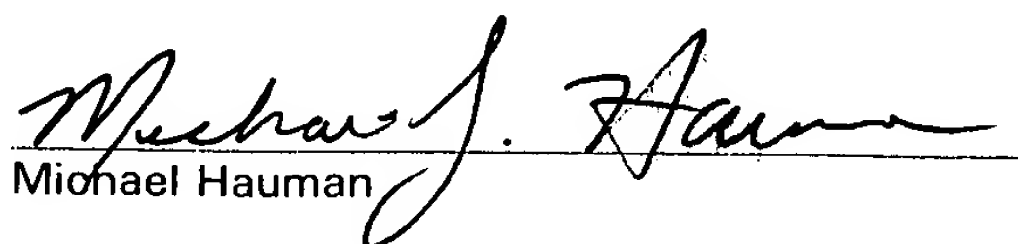
- ☒ This is a new application for a
- ☒ utility patent.
- ☐ design patent.
- ☐ This is a continuation-in-part application of prior application no. _____

2. Application Papers Enclosed

- 1 Title Page
- 114 Pages of Specification (excluding Claims, Abstract, Drawings & Sequence Listing)
- 9 Page(s) of Claims
- 1 Page(s) of Abstract
- 22 Sheet(s) of Drawings (Figs. 1 to 29)
- ☒ Formal
- ☐ Informal
- 0 Page(s) of Sequence Listing

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

I hereby certify that this Patent Application Transmittal and the documents referred to as enclosed therewith are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on **August 22, 2001**, in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 utilizing the "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service of the United States Postal Service under Mailing Label No. EL564462485US.


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3. Declaration or Oath

- ☐ Enclosed
 - ☐ Executed by (check all applicable boxes)
 - ☐ Inventor(s)
 - ☐ Legal representative of inventor(s)
(37 CFR 1.42 or 1.43)
 - ☐ Joint inventor or person showing a proprietary interest on behalf of inventor who refused to sign or cannot be reached
 - ☐ The petition required by 37 CFR 1.47 and the statement required by 37 CFR 1.47 are enclosed.
See Item 5D below for fee.
- ☒ Not enclosed - the undersigned attorney or agent is authorized to file this application on behalf of the applicant(s). An executed declaration will follow.

4. Small Entity Status

- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ A small entity statement is(are) attached.

5. Additional Papers Enclosed

- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Declaration of Biological Deposit
- ☐ Computer readable copy of sequence listing containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence
- ☐ Microfiche computer program
- ☐ Associate Power of Attorney
- ☐ Verified translation of a non-English patent application
- ☐ An assignment of the invention
- ☐ Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)
- ☒ Return receipt postcard
- ☐ Other

6. **Priority Applications Under 35 USC 119**

Certified copies of applications from which priority under 35 USC 119 is claimed are listed below and

☐ are attached.

☐ will follow.

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7. **Filing Fee Calculation (37 CFR 1.16)**

A. ☒ **Utility Application**

CLAIMS AS FILED - INCLUDING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT (IF ANY)						
			SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE				\$355.00		\$710.00
TOTAL	54 -20	= 34	X 9 =	\$	X 18 =	\$612.00
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B. ☐ **Design Application (\$160.00/\$320.00)** Filing Fee: \$ _____

C. ☐ **Plant Application (\$245.00/\$490.00)** Filing Fee: \$ _____

D. **Other Fees**

☐ Recording Assignment [Fee -- \$40.00 per assignment] \$ _____

☐ Petition fee for filing by other than all the inventors or person on behalf of the inventor where inventor refused to sign or cannot be reached [Fee -- \$130.00] \$ _____

☐ Other \$ _____

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8. **Method of Payment of Fees**

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9. **Deposit Account and Refund Authorization**

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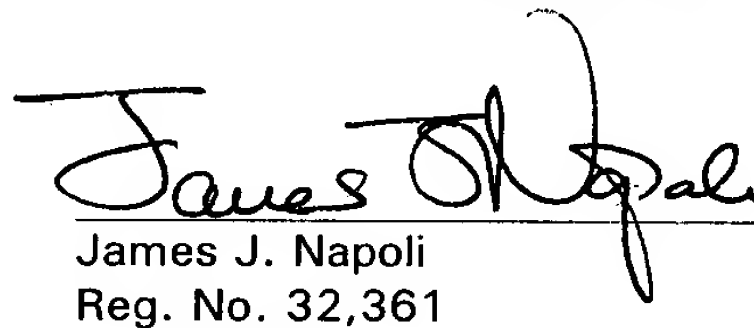
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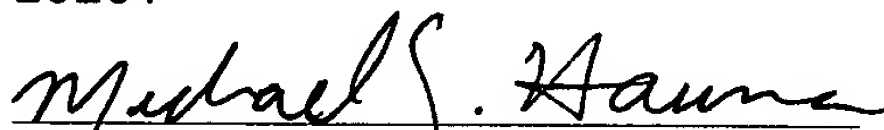
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APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES LETTERS PATENT

SPECIFICATION

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that we, Michael A. Mitchell,
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have invented a new and useful MULTICOMPONENT SUPERABSORBENT
GEL PARTICLES, of which the following is a specification.

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